

mittee and those who desire to present papers should write to him, Lane Hospital, San Francisco. It is going to be a good meeting and you'll be sorry if you don't go.

FRACTURE RECORDS.

A short time ago the JOURNAL published a paper read by Dr. Thomas W. Huntington, officially representing the American Surgical Society, in which was presented a well worked out chart or scheme for recording all fracture cases with the end result indicated. It is a highly desirable thing to have some standard method of recording these cases and of following them up and noting the results after five years. The value of the work can only be made available if a standard form is used and so it is to be hoped that this standard will be generally adopted. When we remember that the largest percentage of total disabilities comes from fractures, it becomes evident that we should not spare any energy in devising ways and means for more carefully studying these disabilities and in endeavoring to secure, if possible, better results. These blank forms have been printed and can be bought at Shumate's pharmacies in San Francisco.

DR. MOLONY AND "THE HOG-TIGHT FENCE."*

Dr. William R. Molony, member of the Board of Medical Examiners, can evidently read and understand plain English writing. He has written a long letter of criticism for publication in the JOURNAL, which will be found in full on another page. Referring to some editorial matter in the September issue of the JOURNAL, Dr. Molony says, in part:

"The spirit of these articles not only tended to reflect on the integrity and loyalty of the Board in supporting the best interests of the medical profession in California, but also tended to create an impression that the members of the Board were false to their obligations in their administration of medical regulation in the State."

In the first contention he is wrong, because medical laws are not made or intended for the benefit of the medical profession in any way, manner or degree; in the latter contention and reading of the editorials in question, he is perfectly correct, for it would be evident to a blind man who could think, that the board has not been constructive in its administration and has not been active for the best interests and the proper protection of the people of the State of California. The Board, through its attorney, fathered a law which materially lowered the standard of protection; in its administration of that law, and partly through the instrumentality of Dr. Molony, it still further lowered the standards of protection. Dr. Molony helped Vanderburgh in removing a section of the "hog-tight fence" which the law had built up to keep the quacks and charlatans and drugless fakes from preying upon the sick and

injured citizens of California. Is that sufficiently plain? It is quite unnecessary to enter into minute details; the matter was set forth in the September issue and there is nothing to take back or explain. The editorials in question were written after a careful study of the minutes of the Board and indeed portions of the minutes were quoted, showing how Dr. Molony voted on the resolution which granted recognition to graduates of an Osteopathic school to apply for licenses to practice, not Osteopathy, but medicine and surgery. His review of the history of medical legislation in this State is childish; everyone who knows anything about it, knows that the trend of progress has been steadily downward so far as standards and requirements are concerned; and in this Dr. Molony seems to have helped—according to the record, and the record is the best evidence. The best he can say for his own work is that, with the reforms which the Osteopathic school *says* it has made and will make, it is about equal to a "Class C" medical school. And where, pray, are "Class C" medical schools recognized? The people of California owe no thanks to the Dr. Molonys; but the drugless fakers certainly do owe such a debt to them.

DR. WILLIAM OPHÜLS, DEAN.

It is a pleasure to announce, and it will be a pleasure to all his friends, and they are legion, to know that Dr. Ophüls has been appointed Dean of the Medical School of Leland Stanford Jr. University. Dr. Ophüls' kindness and good nature are no less great than his erudition, and during the years that he has been with us we have all grown more and more to know that his opinions are sound, his judgment always good and every tendency of his makeup toward that which is right. It is another pleasure to wish for Dr. Ophüls, what wish we know will be fulfilled, development in his school and the respect and friendship of his associates. And perhaps in this connection it will not be amiss to announce that Dr. Albion Walter Hewlett, who left Stanford a few years ago to become Professor of Medicine at Michigan University, has been appointed Professor of Medicine at Stanford University Medical School, to begin August 1st, 1916. Dr. Hewlett is an old friend to all of us and to Dr. Ophüls and we shall be glad to give him a cordial welcome home.

AMERICAN MEDICAL DIRECTORY.

The American Medical Association has sent out the first notices of the forthcoming edition—the fifth—of the American Medical Directory, or "The Blue Book" of the medical profession. It is sold for \$10, but the price, to those who order in advance, is \$8. The publication of a work of this character is a matter of great expense and it will always be published at a loss to the Association. Those who wish to take advantage of the two dollar rebate, had better send their orders in at once. Just address the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn street, Chicago, Illinois.

* This Ed. Note does not in any way refer to the splendid work done by the Board in prosecuting quacks.